

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s).

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to Applicant's amendments to Ex-parte Quayle action filed 28 February 2007. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art, in conjunction with all the other limitations of the claims:

With respect to claim 1 and all its dependencies:

- A method for operating a tattoo studio comprising the steps of identifying a bin designator to locate a storage bin containing a tattoo stencil from a schedule that is associated with a product display unit comprising the tattoo designs, scanning a barcode at the storage bin that is associated with a stencil, scanning at least a second barcode that is associated with a tattoo enhancement and registering a sale based on a price that is determined by the scanning steps

With respect to claim 11 and all its dependencies:

- A method for operating a tattoo studio comprising the steps of identifying a bin designator to locate a storage bin containing a tattoo stencil providing a tattoo design selected by a customer, scanning a barcode that is associated with the selected stencil, registering a sale based on a price

that is determined by the scanning step and providing a receipt that includes at least a total cost and tattoo care instructions

With respect to claim 24 and all its dependencies:

- A tattoo studio kit comprising a display unit of tattoo designs, a bin designator schedule that identifies a bin where a stencil for a tattoo design is stored, a barcode disposed by the bin and corresponding to one of the designs, at least a second barcode that is associated with a tattoo enhancement and a scanner that is connected to a cash register system to read the barcodes and register a sale based on a price that is determined by the barcodes

With respect to claim 25 and all its dependencies:

- A tattoo studio kit comprising a display unit of tattoo designs, a bin designator schedule that identifies a bin where a stencil for a tattoo design is stored, at least one barcode disposed by the bin and corresponding to one of the designs and a scanner that is connected to a cash register system to read the barcodes and register a sale based on a price that is determined by the barcodes

With respect to claim 30 and all its dependencies:

- A method for operating a tattoo studio comprising the steps of determining a bin designator based on the selection of a tattoo design from a customer, using the bin designator to locate a storage bin that contains the selected stencil, scanning a barcode associated with the selected

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stencil, registering a sale based on a price determined by the scanning and verifying that a recorded number of a particular type of stencils that remain in inventory correlates to an actual number of stencils remaining in inventory by calculating a match code and comparing the code with the number of stencils remaining in an opened one of the prepackaged sets

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristy A. Haupt whose telephone number is (571) 272-8545. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

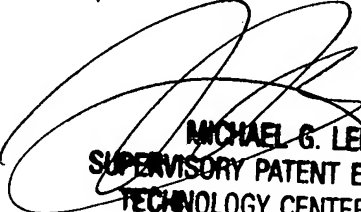
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